(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, in what manner this vacant land is proposed to be utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) About 2000 sq.m. of land in the operational area and about 3000 sq.m. of land in the non-operational area are available at Hyderabad airport.

(c) and (d) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has plans for construction of aircraft maintenance hangar in the vacant land in the operatinoal area and Cargo Complex in the vacant land in non-operational area.

Bilateral Agreement between India and U.K.

614. SHRI C.RTHIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether bilateral negotiations between India and U.K. to open each other's aviation market have ended in a statement;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures proposed to be undertaken to work out a mutually acceptable solution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c)The bilateral talks held between India and UK on 20-21 st June, 2002, were inconclusive since the UK side was unable to give an assurance to the Indian side as to the availability of slots for Air India to operate more flights via London to points in Canada and USA. It was agreed to meet again to continue discussions.

Bank Guarantee on IA Tickets

615. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines has decided to do away with the bank guarantee aainst the issuance of tickets by the travel agents;

(b) the reasons for allowing over trading levels above the bank guarantee to the Agents; and